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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Scott Andruss, 18, Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 63 months in prison without parole, followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

On August 8, 2008, Andruss pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit six armed robberies of various Madison business establishments in April and May 2008. The indictment charged Andruss, and his co-defendant Curtis Langlois, with robbing businesses located along the East Washington Avenue corridor, including Red Letter News, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Red Roof Inn, and PDQ.

At today's sentencing, Judge Crabb noted that Andruss deserved a significant sentence because he was the person who actually brandished the weapons and robbed the various clerks of money. The judge also noted that someday, when he gets older, Andruss will realize the significance of his actions and how much fear he caused the victims of his robberies. Judge Crabb explained that Andruss was still young enough to turn his life around and become a more responsible member of society, but the choice was entirely up to Andruss.

The charges against Andruss were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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